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said open end, said covering comprising elastic fabric, said covering including a front portion, a back portion, and a bottom portion, one or both of said front portion and said bottom portion comprising a higher wear resistant elastic fabric and said remaining portion(s) comprising a lower wear resistant highly elastic fabric, said covering being coated on the inside thereof with a foamed or non-foamed polymeric material.

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17. (Not amended) A tube sock-shaped covering according to claim 16, wherein said front portion extends from said closed end to said open end and comprises 10% to 90% of said covering.

23. (Not amended) A tube sock-shaped covering for enclosing an amputation stump, said covering having an open end for introduction of said stump and a closed end opposite said open end, said covering comprising fiber-on-end fabric, said covering being coated on the inside thereof with a polymeric material.

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24. (Amended) A tube sock-shaped covering for enclosing an amputation stump, said covering having an open end for introduction of said stump and a closed end opposite said open end, said covering having a docking means for attachment of an external device to the covering, and said covering being coated on the inside thereof with polymeric material.

25. (Amended) The tube sock-shaped covering of claim 24 wherein said external device is a pad.

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27. (Not amended) A tube sock-shaped covering for enclosing an amputation stump, said covering having an open end for introduction of said stump and a closed end opposite said open end, said covering being coated on the inside thereof with polymeric material having one or more bosses or annular rings for joining to a prosthetic socket.

30. (Not amended) A tube sock-shaped covering for enclosing an amputation stump, said covering having an open end for introduction of said stump and a closed end opposite said open end, said covering comprising fabric that can adhere to a hook portion of a

hook and loop fastening system, said covering being coated on the inside thereof with a polymeric material.

31. (Not amended) A tube sock-shaped covering for enclosing an amputation stump, said covering having an open end for introduction of said stump and a closed end opposite said open end, said covering comprising one or more high wear resistant areas, said covering being coated on the inside thereof in at least one of the one or more high wear resistant areas with a polymeric material.

33. (Not amended) The tube sock-shaped covering of claim 31 wherein said covering is coated on the inside thereof in its entirety with said polymeric material.

Please add the following new claims:

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34. (New) The tube sock-shaped covering of claim 24 wherein said external device is a prosthetic device.

35. (New) The tube sock-shaped covering of claim 24 wherein the docking means is 1 or more of:

a pin, cable, strap, hook and loop type fastener, snap, buckle, or button.

36. (New) The tube sock-shaped covering of claim 24 wherein the docking means is incorporated by attachment of an adapter to the outside of the covering.

37. (New) The tube sock-shape covering of claim 23 wherein said fiber-on-end fabric comprises stretchable non-wovens.

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REMARKS

I.

Favorable reconsider of this application, as presently amended, is respectively requested.